

SUMMER 2008

City prepares for students' departure

By Kenny Larabee, Lindsay Jacobs
Chief Reporter, University News Editor

When Northwest students pack their belongings to leave Maryville for the summer, most don't think of what the town and campus are like while they're away.

But for those staying behind, a change in business, neighborhoods and campus life is evident.

According to Nodaway County Economic Development, 10,581 residents lived in Maryville in 2004. There are 6,334 students that attend Northwest, according to the Northwest Web site. This creates the potential for large dips in community business cycles.

"Maryville is a different town during the summer months, as far as looking at the retail aspect and traffic aspect. There's just not as many customers coming in, so yes it does have a direct impact on our retail businesses, our restaurants."

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lisa Luke said.

Luke promotes local businesses and said retailers such as Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee and department stores suffer more than other businesses from the loss of students.

"It just depends on their customer base, every business is different, some businesses are geared toward the student and some of them aren't," she said.

Most businesses have a policy against releasing sales information, but Wal-Mart Store Manager Lonnie Scheffe said there is traditionally a 15 to 24 percent decline in sales during the summer months. Because of the drop, the store plans accordingly, Assistant Manager Heather Bennett said.

"Our budget is lowered for those months that students are out. The same thing happens every year so we prepare ourselves for that," Bennett said. "It

would be nice if they were here, 6,000 more people were here, and our sales were the same all the time."

Popular businesses such as Maryville's bars are affected as well. For instance, The World Famous Outback closes for the summer. On the other hand, The Palms owner, Paul Thompson, said his business does well.

"I get busier in the summer just because I have the beer garden and the nice weather; it pushes people to get together, go outside and have fun in the evenings," Thompson said.

Another community department that sees a change is Maryville Public Safety.

Public Safety Coordinating Assistant Christy Forney said minor in possessions and party calls drop in the summer months. She also notices an increase in police reports starting in September. But Public Safety Director Keith Wood said there's still plenty for his department to

do during the summer months.

"At the same time that (Northwest students) all leave, other area schools get out, so it's kind of a shift of emphasis as opposed to one place dries up while there's nothing to fill the void," Wood said. "And there's also activity that picks up out at Mazingo that creates new and different problems for the summer months."

Many college students reside off campus, living next door to Maryville residents. Torri Kuonen lives at Walnut and Sixth Street, just a few blocks from campus, thinks her neighborhood is quiet while school is in session.

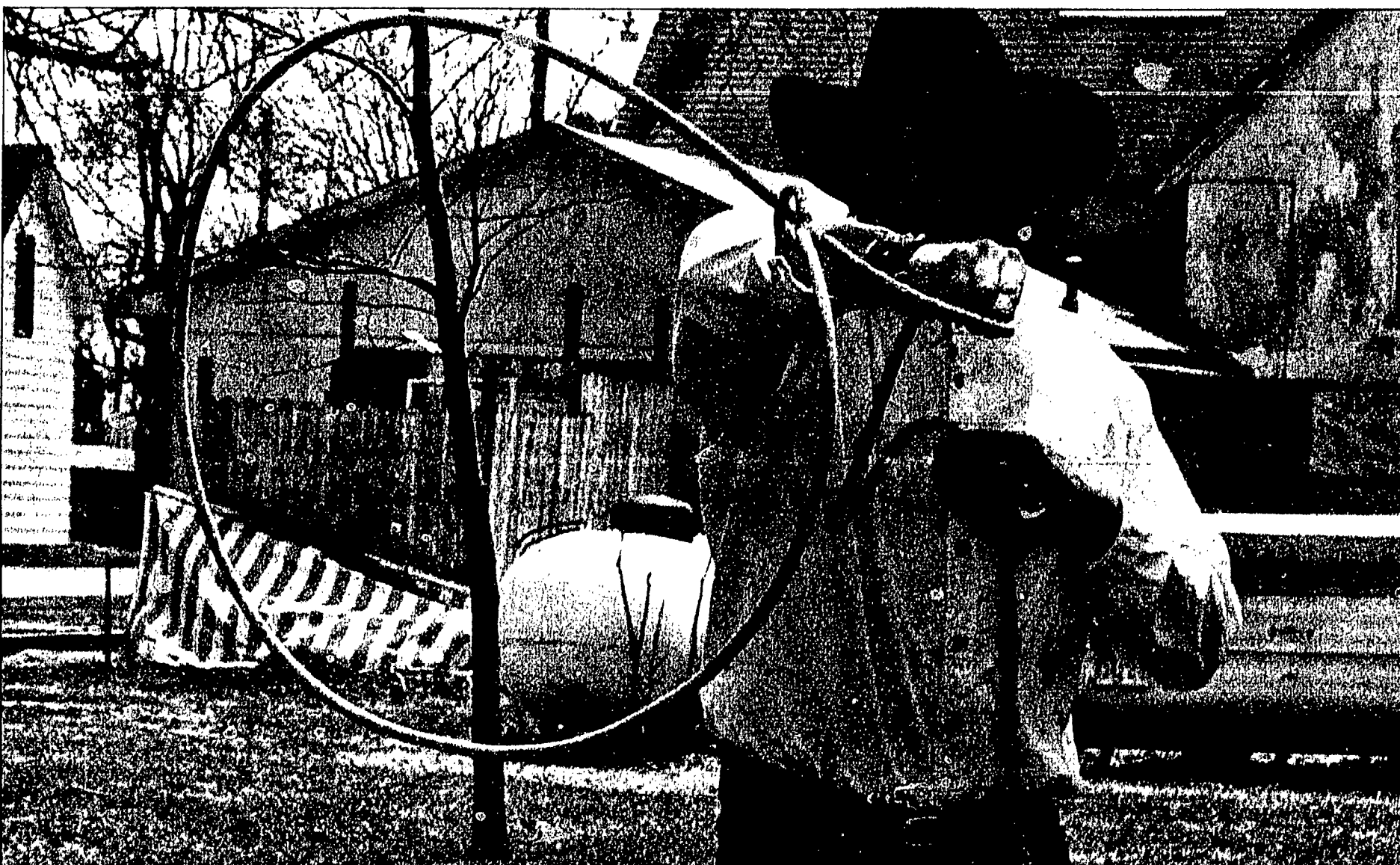
"We have good college kids around," Kuonen said.

While many students live in the community, there are a handful living on campus during the summer. During the

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

A TASTE OF THE OLD WEST



PERFORMING A STUNT for his Old West show, Beiermann shows off his ability to twirl a rope. Beiermann uses what he calls the three tools of the Old West for his show: the bull whip, the six gun and the rope. In addition to performing, Beiermann is also a local entrepreneur, selling smoked meats for his business, Quick Draw Todd's.



ANOTHER OF BEIERMANN'S tools is the Colt .45 Single Action Army Pistol. Beiermann said this gun was famous in the Old West as a "peacekeeper."



USING A TECHNIQUE known as "thumbing," Beiermann can pull his gun from the holster, cock the hammer, fire and hit his target in about a third of a second.

Performer likes to take his show, cooking on the road

By Kenny Larabee
Chief Reporter

The cowboy steels himself, ready to strike like a coiled rattlesnake. The flaps of his long black trench coat rustle in the breeze. A hush falls over the crowd as it awaits the impending showdown. Under his cowboy hat, with twin pistols at his side, the tall man's eyes show no fear.

The hammer on his adversary's gun is already cocked, finger at the ready. But it doesn't matter. The cowboy goes for his gun, cocks the hammer and fires before his opponent can even pull the trigger.

For Todd Beiermann, it's all part of the show.

The proprietor of Quick Draw Todd's Smoke Shack, Beiermann is a performer for his own personal Wild West show. Twirling guns and ropes are just two of the attractions for crowds in local one horse towns like Clearmont, Mo. to the formally lawless Deadwood, S.D.

"I show them three tools of the Old West," Beiermann said. "That is the bull whip and the rope and the six gun. And I give them a little bit of history of each one of them."

In addition to background information and stressing the importance of safety, Beiermann performs stunts for the crowds. In one instance, he might take a bull whip and choose a member of the audience to help him reenact a scene from the movie High

Plains Drifter. In another, he might challenge a bystander to a quick draw competition. Beiermann uses a technique called "thumbing," in which he can pull his gun from the holster, cock the hammer, fire and hit a target in about a third of a second, he said.

Performing is just one part of Beiermann's life; cooking is another. The Nodaway County resident travels around northwest Missouri and southwest Iowa selling specially smoked meats for his business, Quick Draw Todd's. Being a traveling vendor is something Beiermann likes, as it gives him the opportunity to meet new people, he said. His business makes it to Maryville once every two weeks.

"I don't like people getting sick of my stuff you know, that's why I travel," Beiermann said jokingly.

Quick Draw Todd's offers smoked meats such as ribs, brisket and pulled pork. The business has been around a little more than two years now, giving Beiermann a chance to maintain a base of regular customers along with a mix of new ones, he said.

"They have their particular items that they order every time they come back and whether it's by the sandwich or by the pound they are consistent," Beiermann said. "Every place I go. That gives me a good idea, I mean I have extra people that come in, but there's a lot of the same people that come back every

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Todd Beiermann

LOCAL BUSINESS

Thrift shop moves next to sister store

By Dominic Genetti
Community News Editor

Only a few pool tables remain in the old billiards hall next to Castaways New and Used Clothing Store on the Nodaway Square in downtown Maryville, but in a month's time, Richard Hallenberg plans to bring his customers to the vacant building.

A manager at NoCoMo Industries, Hallenberg is moving company owned Thrift Shop from Third and Buchanan Streets next to its sister store, Castaways; which opened in October to separate clothes from other items available at Thrift Shop.

"Hopefully sometime in the next 30 days, (we've) got this building completed and moved in," Hallenberg said. "We've got a lot of painting and equipment to set up yet before we even start moving all the merchandise in."

Hallenberg doesn't have much of a choice in moving the business after he got word from building owner Jerry Price to be out by mid-May.

"I wasn't too happy about it at first because we've had real good luck at the store we're in now," Hallenberg said. "We think that's worked out well for us, but getting them back together on the same street is going to be beneficial."

Nodaway Valley Bank is in the process in buying the property.

"They've signed contracts; we're suppose to finalize on the thirtieth," Price said. "We're going to have to have everyone out of there by May 18."

Nodaway Valley Bank President James Robinson disclosed little information on the future purchase.

"We've looked at some opportunities in downtown Maryville, but we haven't purchased anything yet," Robinson said.

There is more floor space for Thrift Shop in its new location, but Hallenberg said there is less room for storage. He'd rather stay where he is now, especially since the current location is a historic Maryville building.

"That one's been there for years and it's kind of a local landmark with the unusual green and emerald brick on the front of the building," Hallenberg said.

Formerly the home of the Maryville Daily Forum and B&W Sporting Goods, the building at 123 Third St., was built in 1906.

Rumors surrounding Nodaway Valley Bank's purchase are producing talks of demolition, Hallenberg said.

"I'm kind of a traditionalist, I like to see older buildings utilized as much as they can be."

UNIVERSITY NEWS

Retirees reflect on service to Northwest

By Elizabeth Sexton
Missourian Reporter

Name: Richard Frucht
Position(s) held: Professor/Chair of History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science.
How long have you been at Northwest? 28 years
What is your favorite memory while working at Northwest? Leading student tours to Europe, Russia and Egypt
What are your plans after retirement? Travel and write.

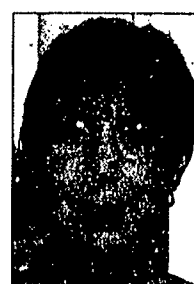
Other memories you have from Northwest? No one has enough time to list all the memories. Everyday has a memory worth treasuring.



Richard Frucht
Professor/Chair of History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science

Name: Suzanne Frucht
Position(s) held: Associate Professor of Biology
How long have you been at Northwest? 18 years
What is your favorite memory while working at Northwest? It has been rewarding to work with college-age students, because it is such an exciting time of life as they select and work towards their goals.

What are your plans after retirement? My husband is also retiring from the history department. We are moving to Pennsylvania, where we have a home. Our plans include writing, gardening and traveling.
Other memories you have from Northwest? Traveling with students on international trips, the fun of getting to interact with students outside the classroom and outside our own culture was amazing, the opportunity to put together experiences to help freshman adjust to campus life.



Suzanne Frucht
Associate Professor of Biology

Name: Debbie Clark
Position(s) held: Head Preschool Teacher, Early Care and Education Laboratory Center
How long have you been at Northwest? 24 years

What is your favorite memory while working at Northwest? There are so many, but I would have to say the wonderful relationships I have enjoyed with the children and families I have worked with. I have also enjoyed working with colleagues and college students.



Debbie Clark
Early Care and Education

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

New Web site created to help potential donors

A Web site has been created to help alumni and other Northwest friends who are interested in making a donation. The site offers ways donors can help their financial well-being along with Northwest's.

The "Interactive Build Your Gift Planner" answers the donors' questions and helps them through the process of choosing an option. Those who already have a gift in mind can compare it with other opportunities.

Information can be requested about plans. Other features the site offers include a gift calculator, sample bequest language, a quiz and testimonials.

For more information, visit nwmissouri.edu/alumni/giving/planned_gifts.htm.

Classes offer certification in group exercise

The Northwest Missouri State University Fitness Center and the National Exercise Trainers Association are co-sponsoring Group Exercise Certification at 8 a.m., Saturday.

The certification is valid for two years. Participants will learn academic and application for teaching group exercise classes.

International student group accepts donations

Friends of International Students is now accepting donations.

Used clothes, kitchen items, appliances, dishes, furniture, decorations and other items can be donated.

Free pick-up is now until May 3, or items can be dropped off in 106 Wells Hall.

For more information, contact 562-1958 or e-mail fis@nwmissouri.edu.

Late student, Abby Scott, honored with campus bell ringing

There will be a bell ringing for Abby Scott at 11 a.m., Saturday at the Bell of 1948.

There will be time for Scott's friends to make remarks.

For more information, contact Student Senate President Alex Drury at 525-3332 or nwmissouri.edu.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES



USING AUDIENCE MEMBERS to assist, Reza performed Harold Houdini's trick "Metamorphosis." He had students handcuff his hands together, put him in a bag and lock him in a wooden chest. In seconds Reza escaped from the box.

Illusionist brings magic to captivated PAC audience

By Mary Elifrits
Missourian reporter

Lights and smoke swarmed him as he took the stage. No, he's not a rock star.

Reza, an illusionist, showed an enchanted audience his talents. He performed slight-of-hand tricks and grand-scale magic along with illusions on Monday evening at Northwest.

At the age of 6, a magician chose Reza to join him on stage and help perform a trick involving three steel rings. After experiencing magic up close, Reza dreamed

of becoming a magician himself. Reza shared this story with the audience before performing the same trick.

"We perform all over the U.S.," Reza said. "With TV and radio, it goes all over the world."

The Student Activities Council Special Events chair, Melissa Morkus, invited Reza to perform at Northwest.

"I met Reza at their agency at a convention SAC goes to twice a year," Morkus said. "I found him there and saw his video, and that's

where I got the idea to have him visit Northwest."

Fans from other universities attended the show to see Reza work his magic.

Megan Glover, from University of Nebraska-Lincoln, helped Reza with some slight-of-hand card tricks.

"I love the slight-of-hand stuff," Glover said. "I think it's more impressive than grand-scale magic."

With all of the acts, Reza performed, his favorite was the non-traditional act he shared last. Prior to the show, Reza videotaped him-

self making predictions, like whom he would meet at Northwest, and he chose a spectator's favorite candy bar.

"The piece with the video tape prediction is my favorite because of how deep it plays," Reza said. "We've done that since 2002."

When trying to find inspiration, Reza draws from his audiences and everyday life.

"I get a lot of inspiration talking to people after shows about what they like, what they don't like and from my dreams and goals," Reza said. "I want to make magic more current."

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FORENSICS

Students travel to Texas for competition

By Shane Sherwood
Senior Reporter

Six Northwest students recently traveled to Austin, Texas for the National Forensic Tournament.

The participants this year didn't make it past quarter finals, but it was still a very educational experience. Only 10 percent of about 300 advance on in the competition, instructor and forensics team coach Meri Decker said.

"Just because they didn't win doesn't mean they didn't work hard and deserve it," Decker said. "It just means that their speech didn't connect with that audience or that judge."

Students who qualified for nationals were sophomore Jory Baker, freshman Chelsea Nett, junior Steven Perkins, freshman Nathan Ross, junior Michael Russell and freshman Abby Stephens. Junior Danielle Ritter is also involved in the forensics team.

"The quality of the national tournament is great because it promotes hard work and excellence year after year," student Michael Russell said.

There are many different types of competition at the national tournament.

Russell participated in after dinner speaking, prose, a duo competition with Chelsea Nett, program of oral interpretation and overall speaker.

Decker would describe this year's forensics team as enthusiastic.

"They all participate in so much other than forensics like Greek life, theater and sign language, but they still manage to put a lot of time and enthusiasm into forensics," Decker said. "I am extremely proud of all of them. They have worked really hard."

The art of forensics is a very important part about learning communication skills, Decker said.

It also helps a student learn how to connect to an audience, Decker said.

"Forensics focuses on the rhetorical aspects of college outside of just the party aspects," Russell said.

Forensics places high emphasis on student academics. It allows students to be a part of a certain community with other students who enjoy forensics, Decker said.

"Forensics help prepare students for job interviews," Russell said. "It helps you speak well, write well and think a bit faster as time progresses in one's forensics career."

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UNIVERSITY PROFILE

Shipley retires after 47 years

By Lisa Houtchens
Chief Reporter

Ever since junior high, she has planned out every day.

Neat, gray pencil marks and sticky notes are sparsely placed in her little black planner reminding her of what each day will bring.

Graduate School Dean and Family and Consumer Sciences Chair Frances Shipley will retire this summer from Northwest, and her day planner will do the same.

Shipley retires after 47 years in the education field, 40 of those dedicated to service at Northwest.

When June 30 comes, she and her husband don't have any plans.

"I'm planning nothing, I'm making plans to not make plans," Shipley said. "I've lived by a plan book since I was in junior high school; it's time to have a little more freedom."

The only thing Shipley knows for sure about her retirement is where she and her husband will live. They will still live in Maryville and plan to take advantage of all Northwest has to offer.

"There is a real advantage to living in a university town," she said.

Her day planner is constantly filled with appointments; whether personal, social or campus-related, they're always written down. Shipley is so organized and that is just one of her extraordinary strengths, retired Family and Consumer Sciences Instructor Peggy Miller said.

"That's the only way I can do my job," Shipley said. "If you don't get it written in there, you don't get it done."

A year and a half ago Shipley had the word wedding penciled into her day planner. This way if somebody looked at it, they wouldn't know if she had a wedding to attend or if she was



GRADUATE SCHOOL DEAN and Family and Consumer Sciences Chair Frances Shipley retires June 30. After retirement she will stay in Maryville.

getting married.

On her wedding day, she was busy at the office with prospective students for the next year. She left the office around one and got married at 3:30 on a Friday afternoon, she said.

Larry Groff were classmates from seventh grade until they graduated from Burlington Junction High School in 1957. The two hadn't talked for about 40 years but he called her to see if she was attending the alumni banquet at Burlington Junction High School.

They talked during the banquet but lost contact afterwards. A few years later, however they were dating, she said.

Shipley has held many positions at Northwest. She served as the chair of Family and Consumer Sciences Department since 1968. Along with serving as the chair she has been Graduate Department dean, interim vice president for Academic Affairs and the interim dean for the College of Arts and Science College.

Northwest President Dean Hubbard, has worked along side Shipley and knows her abilities.

"Frances has been a marvelous person to work with and a great personal friend. She has always been willing to do anything that I've ever asked her to do," Hubbard said. "If Frances is in charge of an area, you just don't need to worry about it. She handles every detail... professionally, by the book. Her contribution at Northwest is hard to calculate."

The reason Shipley is so organized is that she has to be, with all the responsibilities she has, both Goudge, Family and Consumer Science instructor said.

"As a leader, she has high standards for herself and faculty and she is very, very organized," Goudge said.

The bright spot of Shipley's days are teaching and working with students. She has found the last 47 years invigorating and challenging.

"Teaching has always been, I guess, my first love," she said.

TREE PLANTING



NORTHWEST PRESIDENT DEAN Hubbard and Bobby Bearcat participate in the Tree Planting Ceremony last Friday.

UNIVERSITY PROFILE

Alumnus returns as manager

By Sara Kendall
Missourian Reporter

After being in the industry for more than 30 years, his interest for radio led him back to his alma mater.

Rodney Harris, the new KXCV general manager, is a 1978 graduate of Northwest. He earned his bachelor of science in radio, television and film.

A native of Albany, Mo., Harris attended Northwest and dabbled in intramural sports and was heavily involved in working at KDLX, now known as KZLX, the radio station on campus, he said.

At KDLX Harris held several managerial positions including news and sales, and eventually became the student sales manager.

By his final year, he was promoted to student station manager.

The day after graduating from Northwest, Harris began his career



Rodney Harris
KXCV general manager

in radio. He was asked, along with another person, to start a new radio station. Together they built KAAN AM-FM in Bethany, Mo. from the ground up.

Over the years, Harris worked his way through the rankings at KAAN, becoming general manager in 1987. In 1999, he became the general manager at KMRN and KKWK in Cameron, Mo.

After 30 years in his home area, he was ready to come back to Northwest to incorporate what he has experienced in the radio business into an academic setting.

"I like the fact that I can be back at Northwest, a place that has been so important to me, and give back to the students," he said.

KXCV offers a unique opportunity to its students by providing a hands-on learning experience and a source of alternative radio, he said.

"It's always been a dream of mine that if I was ever in the position

to give back what I have learned, I would," he said.

Kirk Wayman, news director at KXCV, is impressed by Harris's abilities and experience in radio, he said.

"His reputation precedes him. He is warm, interesting and is very interested in the station and even more so the people of the station," Wayman said.

John Coffey, sports director at KXCV, and long time friend of Harris, also believes he will be good for the station.

"He has a passion for radio. He knows the program and has a high regard for the students," Coffey said.

KXCV has been without a general manager for awhile and Wayman believes that Harris will be successful at the position.

"His experience in radio and specifically sales will be beneficial. He has a community connection and will be able to tell their story," Wayman said.

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A message from the Northwest Wellness Center



By Rhonda Rund, M.A., LPC
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Before you utter another word to your friend, family member or significant other... breathe.

That's right, just pause, breathe, tune in, this is a tip. Do you truly know the message you are about to send? If you did, would you change anything about it?

Once you have communicated your message in a mindful way, temporarily put your opinions and judgments on pause, take a deep breath and focus your attention on the message being sent back to you. Look the person in the eyes and consider: What is this person's point of view? What is the emotion behind what is being said? If the person with whom you are communicating is finished, but you are still unclear, ask if they would clarify or share additional details to help improve your understanding.

Remember the importance of non-verbal communication for deeper understanding. Posture, gestures, subtle eye and facial muscle movements, as well as head nods are all important variables in sending a clear message.

Finally, if you find you are facing a potentially difficult communication situation, a little preparation and rehearsal can go a long way to increase the chances of successful outcomes.

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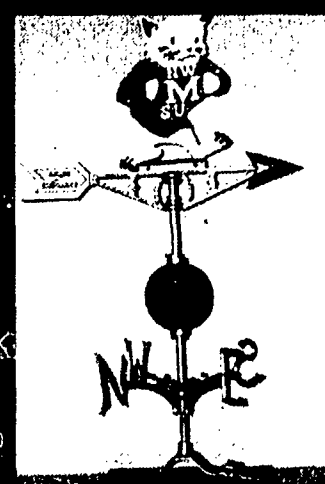
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OUR VIEW

Keep safety, relaxation in mind over break

Believe or not, an end to this school year is in sight. In a little more than a week, finals will be finished and most Northwest students will be packing their bags and heading out of Maryville for the summer.

Seniors might be heading off to their first jobs, while some freshmen will be heading back home to live once again with mom and dad.

Whatever your summer plans include: vacations, internships or an entry-level job, be sure to be safe. The Northwest Missourian wishes you the best of luck, especially those seniors heading out into the "real world."

For those of you not graduating, our best words of advice would be to enjoy your last few somewhat carefree summers.

Be sure to take the time and relax, and we will see you again next fall.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In response to the April 17 article, "Neighbors question new Centers' plans."

Thank you for your coverage of the West Third Street neighborhood's concerns regarding the proposed Alumni Center at College and Munn.

We noted with interest Mr. Steve Sutton's comment, "What they feel like may be detrimental to the integrity of the neighborhood is an opinion, one person's opinion, may not be everyone's opinion," Sutton said.

The concerns about our neighborhood are not just one person's opinion, as was evidenced by several neighbors featured in the article. The concerns for what is happening on West Third Street extends well beyond our neighborhood to many citizens in Maryville. Alumni across the country have expressed their concern for how much money is being spent on this building.

The Foundation has been telling the community that there is only one or two families in opposition to their plans, hoping to undermine the amount of the opposition.

We would encourage any one who has concerns about four houses being razed and replaced by a large building and a parking lot for 25 or more cars to contact members of the Maryville City Council and express your thoughts to each of them.

We as a neighborhood appreciate the community's support. Together we can face this challenge.

Larry and Paula Haatjala

MY VIEW

U.S. involvement crucial for peace between China, Tibet

As the 2008 Beijing Olympics draw near, the problem between Tibet and China is receiving more worldwide attention, especially after the violent riots that took place in March.



Kathleen Wilmes
Contributing Columnist

This brings into light a problem that isn't just felt in Tibet, but all over the world today — the separatist movement. The most recent example can be given with Kosovo, which just recently declared its independence.

Instead of analyzing Tibet in the same manner a few weeks earlier with Kosovo, I wish to approach this in a different method, and that

is to answer, and give my opinion on one key question, using Tibet as the primary example. When should a group seek the more serious form of self-determination? But before I answer this, let's look into self-determination itself with regards to the United Nations.

Self-determination takes many forms: secession, declared independence and even something as simple as local autonomy. The United Nations states in Article 55 of its charter that all people have the right of self-determination, although in practice the United Nations does not mainly support secession or declared inde-

pendence. Article 55 also states that all people should have the right to economic development as well as social development.

So when should a group secede? There are many answers to this, each of which is complex. Instead of going into each, I will give the two fundamental rights to secession: severe crimes against human rights and the removed right to take part in one's government. Let's look into this in regards to Tibet.

In 2006, the State Department released its report on human rights and accused China of some pretty serious offenses: torture, arbitrary arrest and detention, as well as unyielding control on fundamental rights such as religion for Tibetans. Tibetans that hold a government job have been prohibited from

practicing their religion and worshipping at monasteries. Needless to say, the minority of government positions are held by Tibetans.

So do I think that Tibet should be seeking some form of self-determination? Yes, most definitely. But also keep in mind that Tibet is not seeking complete independence. In the Middle Path approach proposed by the Dalai Lama, Tibet wishes for an increase in regional autonomy, which would mean that the main authority and the functions of government would be transferred from the central government of China to the regional government of Tibet. The debate today isn't this in itself, but whether or not Tibet is truly autonomous, especially if you look at the situation as Tibet does — and that is the suppression of the local population.

What can China and Tibet do to reach a solution? First, on the part of Tibet, the violent rioting needs to stop. Peaceful methods are the best way to approach a situation like this and actually get results. Second, on the part of China, the serious human rights violations need to stop. And I believe that the United States should be active in this situation as well, which I'm sure some people will disagree with, by promoting communication between Tibet and China, as well as the ability for all people to exercise their fundamental, natural rights.

I think that as August draws nearer, this problem will escalate to a point that could have been prevented, and still could be if the two main parties would take the appropriate steps.

OPINION

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In response to "Fee plans have both pros, cons"

Just wondering??
posted 4/18

Just wondering what the expected income variance will be between the old fee and the new fee? Will future events be effected?? Will we have less, more or the same to offer out students at Northwest?

Fees
posted 4/18

I don't think that the Health Fee should be required. Some students prefer to go to a physician in Maryville vs. the Health Center, and if they don't use the Health Center at all, all year long, they're just out \$70.

I think the Activities Fee is very reasonable for all the free events and activities Northwest provides for the students. I'd say we're pretty fortunate because a lot of colleges do not offer these benefits. THANK YOU NORTHWEST!

Angle
posted 4/20

I figured the calculations for the 16 hours that I will be taking in the fall. The flat rate system comes at a total cost of \$248. The per credit hour system will cost \$304.

In another article in the paper, the Student Affairs VP stated that the per credit hour system will cost students less. The only way it will cost less is if you are taking 12 or less credit hours.

In response to "Wal-mart job works for student"

Nicely done
posted 4/19

This is what an opinion column should look like. I hate WalMart but you made my rat wheel crank with this one. Nicely done.

In response to "Young receives state-wide award"

Missourian Fan
posted 4/18

Congratulations to Laura Widmer and the staff of the Missourian. Well deserved -- and what a feather in your cap.

We'll be watching for more great things from the talented Missourian staff!

In response to "Dierks Bentley Concert Central"

A Fan
posted 4/18

The articles and videos that have been posted on the concert are fantastic! Thanks for posting them. It's so cool that NWMO & SAC put on events like this for the students. Very impressive.

In response to "Your Man analyzes candidates"

Boss Hog
posted 4/18

Whoa was Tom Selleck young? That man was born with a mustache and chest hair...oh sweet glorious chest hair. Tom Selleck can also shoot a water bucket from a quarter mile away (watch Quigley Down Under).

Now if Hillary Clinton could do that...well I still wouldn't vote for her but you could bet your bottom dollar I'd tip my hat to that sweet little lass. Excuse me "alleged" lass.

PENTAGON HAS NO TIME LIMIT ON TROOPS IN IRAQ



MY VIEW

A year in review, thanks for playing along



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger
Contributing Columnists

Throughout the trimester our goal has been to provide the readers of the Northwest Missourian with humorous and insightful analysis on global, national, and local events.

Since September we have covered events that included the arrest of OJ Simpson, the campus shooting, the technology fee increases, tag on playgrounds, the war in Iraq and abortion.

Some of the pieces were light-hearted and carefree while others tackled some of the more difficult issues

our generation must face.

Make no doubt there will be large efforts to increase voter registration and youth participation in the election this fall. The war in Iraq will continue to be a major issue and more and more of our friends and family will likely be sent overseas to defend our freedom.

Campus gun violence is here to stay and there will need to be unique solutions to the problem our generation started with the Columbine shooting and has continued into the present day.

As the politically correct movement advances tag will be considered too dangerous to be played at recess, and a kindergarten boy and girl kissing on the playground will be sexual assault while two men making out at a gay rights parade is their right of expression.

We would like to thank those that read and enjoyed our pieces. We truly enjoyed bringing a fun approach to contemporary political issues that affected all of us.

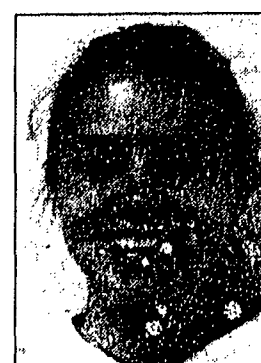
We would also like to thank our critics for reading our pieces and we would like to remind those that were critical of us of the Stephen Covey quote "strength lies in differences, not in similarities."

CAMPUS TALK

What are your summer plans?



"I will be in Jacksonville, Fla. with the Navigators for summer training."
Kayla Henderson
Education



"Taking some classes and having fun."
Andrea Freeman
Marketing



"I will be working all summer and making money."
Doug Porter
Deciding



"Going home and working."
Amanda Olah
Merchandising



"Working at a church with kids."
Courtney Jefferson
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CITY BRIEFS

Golf Classic benefits local health care

The Tobin Benefit Golf Classic will be held May 22 and 23 and will benefit the St. Francis Hospital Foundation. The classic is the single largest fund-raising event for the St. Francis Foundation and so far has raised over \$600,000 since it began in 1991.

For more information on the Tobin Benefit Golf Classic, to register a team, volunteer or purchase a tee-off celebration ticket, please call Niki Crump at 562-7993.

Youth baseball event rescheduled

The Aquatic Pitch, Hit and Run event for ages 7-14, has been rescheduled for Saturday.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the event will begin at 1 p.m. The event will take place at Donaldson Westside Park Sports Complex.

All participants must provide a copy of valid birth certificate or baptismal record for age verification. There is no cost to participate.

Winners may have the opportunity to advance to sectional and national competitions.

Any questions please call Maryville Parks and Recreation Department at 562-2923.

Annual marathon

The Maryville Chamber Country Classic will take place June 14 at Donaldson Westside Park.

The Marathon will begin at 6:30 a.m. and the 5k and 10k races will begin at 7 a.m.

More information is available at Chambercountryclassic.com where runners can also sign up for the event.

Runners can also enter by calling 582-8643. There is no deadline to register as runners can enter the morning of the race.

Murder suspects will get separate trials

Erik Romig and Nicholas Rosencrans, who are suspected in the beating death of Donald Ray Gardner, Jr. in November will be tried separately.

Romig's trial will stay in Nodaway County and Rosencrans' trial will move to Buchanan County.

Both are expected in court on May 12 to arrange new trial dates.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Area will offer variety of athletic programs for all ages this summer

By Erin Loges
Missourian Reporter

Summertime is almost here, and with warmer weather comes more outdoor activities.

Maryville Parks and Recreation has many activities that are getting started soon and will continue through the summer for all age groups.

"I have a feeling people won't be traveling as much this summer, so we're hoping participation might go up," recreation coordinator Shelly Hersh said.

Sand volleyball registration will take place from May 5-16, with games beginning Tuesday, May 27. Each team will play once a week for 12 weeks.

"We offer the different leagues on different nights of the week," Hersh said.

There are different groups available to join: men's, women's, co-ed competitive and co-ed recreational.

"More people are interested in the recreational league, but I would love to have a couple more competitive teams," Hersh said. "The skill level is just a little higher."

Softball will also be offered this summer for both youth and adults. The men's and women's slow-pitch games will begin Monday, May 5. A co-ed league will begin on Monday, July 7.

"I don't know exact numbers for the adult teams yet, but I'm expecting about 20 teams," recreation supervisor Brian Howard said.

The adult leagues are split into different divisions based on competitiveness. The men's league

has three divisions, and there is one division for the women's league.

Registration for youth-league baseball has begun already and will continue until the games start.

"We have around 330 kids already, and this will probably grow a bit too with our late sign-ups," Howard said.

Youth league games take place at Donaldson Westside Park so that more than one game can be played at the same time.

"We try to have all the kids' games at Donaldson, because a lot of time parents have more than one kid involved and it makes it easier on them," Howard said.

The boys' 9-12 division will have an official championship tournament for the first time this year.

"There's such a demand for a championship in that age group that we decided to add one to the schedule after the regular season," Howard said.

Maryville Parks and Recreation is still searching for sponsorships for the youth baseball league.

"For the youth program, we find the sponsors to help pay for jerseys, field preparation and umpires," Howard said.

Besides organized activities, the Maryville Aquatic Center will be open all summer. The center will open Memorial Day weekend.

Certified lifeguards will be teaching swimming lessons at the pool throughout the summer. Lifeguards will teach lessons for youth and adults.

Maryville Parks and Recreation can be contacted for more information and to sign up for all activities at 562-2923.

"I have a feeling people won't be traveling as much this summer, so we're hoping participation might go up,"

Shelly Hersh,
recreation coordinator

COMMUNITY

PUBLIC NOTICE TO AIRPORT CONSULTANTS

The City of Maryville, Missouri, is hereby soliciting statements of qualifications and experience from airport consultants for a single project at Northwest Missouri Regional Airport. This project shall include:

1. Development and construction of an airport fueling design and layout for both an above ground Jet-A and AV-Gas fueling facilities. Estimated cost \$250,000.
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Selection criteria (Chapter 2) may include, but will not be limited to:

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- Capability to complete project within budgets
- Capability to furnish qualified inspectors for construction inspection
- Familiarity with, and proximity to the project

Fees will be negotiated for projects as grants are obtained. Consultants shall not include fee or cost information when responding to this solicitation.

This contract is subject to, but not limited to the following federal provisions:

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- DOT Regulation 49 CFR Part 26 - Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation
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Airport consultants should submit three copies of their statement of qualifications and experience along with references to the following address, no later than 4 p.m. May 23, 2008.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

Residents reuse what others waste

Basement water storage system saves couple hundreds of gallons a week

By Sean Comer
Political Reporter

A then 12-year-old Bob Bush once built a go-cart from some wood, wheels and a washing machine motor.

A framed, black-and-white photo hanging on one side of an office in Bush's Maryville home's basement verifies this little product of youthful inventiveness and ingenuity.

He'd later put his mind to work at the Space-Flight Center in Washington, D.C., in 1963, on the Gemini and Apollo programs and as a member of Northwest's alternative energy team nearly 30 years ago. Certificates, photographs and plaques covering the rest of the office's walls tell the story of his lifetime of community service.

A big white plastic tank less than 10 yards away and just on the other side of one such wall of memories proves the retired Northwest administrator's inventiveness and curiosity didn't fade with age.

"This is certainly not the space program we're dealing with here," Bob said.

Bush, now in his 70s, interrupted installing a new fountain in his backyard Sunday afternoon to tell how he designed a unique water storage-and-irrigation system three years ago that keeps the Bushes' home "green" on multiple levels: it conserves water most homes without such a system might waste and puts it to use irrigating the Bush home's lawn and garden.

Bob and his wife, Betty, had designed an already unique home in 2005 that included a 103-year-old window salvaged from Northwest's old auditorium in the administration building.

But then Bob spent an evening sketching out his vision on his laptop. The big white tank would receive water drained solely from the master bedroom's Jacuzzi and shower. A pump would then push the water —sanitized with biodegradable deter-

gent— through a network of copper tubing to trickle-irrigate the yard's vegetation. A brass pump hanging on the wall ensures an unexpected busted water main wouldn't flood the Bushes' basement.

The 50-60 gallon Jacuzzi itself can even run on recycled water from the tank.

It all came together easily, Bob said. Farmers regularly use the same variety tank his system uses for mass water storage. In fact, he bought most materials at a farm supply store at an estimated \$450 total price tag.

"I sleep better knowing I'm recycling water as such," Bob said.

Betty admits being skeptical at first. Since then, the Bushes' friends have been impressed by Bob's ingenuity, though Bob doesn't recall anyone installing a similar system yet.

"Bob is a very creative person, so I'm never surprised when he comes up with a new creative design," Betty said. "But this one was a little far-fetched. But it's really cut back on

95 Approximate total feet of PVC piping and copper tubing that sends water from the Jacuzzi and shower drains, to the basement and finally into the irrigation system.

325 Gallons of used water (known as "grey water") the system's tank holds.

300 Gallons of water stored and reused by the Bushs' system each week from April to October, when the irrigation system is in use.

8,400 Gallons of water the Bushs' system has saved and reused since 2005.

\$450 Bob Bush's estimated total cost of supplies for his system.

2 Number of working days spent installing it.

our irrigation costs. Anything that will save water or save energy, we'll try."

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY

Ceremony officially launches wind plant

By Micheal Clements
Chief Reporter

An area community turns to wind power for electricity needs.

Rockport, located 40 miles west of Maryville, has four wind turbines in the city limits that may supply the town with electricity on a windy day.

A dedication ceremony held on April 18 signified the turbines were up and running.

After Wind Capital Group started building the Cow Branch wind farm east of Rockport, the idea arose to the community.

The turbines combine for five megawatts of electricity. Rockport native Eric Chamberlain spear-

headed the idea.

Working alongside Wind Capital Group, Chamberlain developed a plan for Rockport.

The turbines should produce more electricity than Rockport needs when in use, Chamberlain said.

"Estimates show that the wind project, the four turbines, will produce more electricity each year than the town uses, and that hasn't been done before," he said. "Obviously there are times where there is no wind and we are still buying traditional electricity."

Any electricity the city doesn't use will go on the area transmission grid to other communities near Rockport. Missouri Rural Co-op's

buys the excess electricity, Chamberlain said.

Rockport is the first city to be able to run solely on wind power, and that is something the community is proud of, Mayor Jo Stephens said.

"It's given us a lot of notoriety," Stephens said. "The big think is going to be the savings to our customers that we serve."

Producing electricity for the community takes charges like transmission line fees away from Rockport citizens from the electricity produced by the wind turbines, Chamberlain said.

"There will be an energy savings to the community on the wholesale electric rates," he added.

The land the turbines occupy is leased for 25 years.

Funding for the wind turbines came from John Deere Wind Energy. The company provided cost for construction and the turbines.

"They're (John Deere Wind Energy) the ones that get paid for the electricity that comes off the wind farm, they sell the electricity," Chamberlain added.

The construction of the turbines in Rockport and the Cow Branch Farm boosted local business, Chamberlain said.

The construction put a buzz through the town," he said. "It makes us a little unique. It makes people think more about where do you get your electricity from."

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Garage sales open to all Maryville residents

By Katie Luers
Missourian Reporter

Maryville residents will have the opportunity to clean out their closets and attics next weekend.

The citywide garage sales will take place Saturday, May 3, and are open for all Maryville residents to participate. Some sales may begin Friday night.

The Maryville Chamber of Commerce selected the day for the event and is promoting the sales.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Lisa Luke is optimistic about this year's sales.

"I know every year, there seem to be more and more sales," Luke said.

Last year, there were more than 75 garage sales during the citywide sales.

The Chamber promotes the citywide sales to bring more people to local businesses, Luke said. The sales help discourage people from tossing items or throwing them into landfills.

Popular items at the sales include kids' clothes, used furniture and exercise equipment, Luke said.

Registration for the citywide sales is free of charge.

All participants need to do is place a classified advertisement for their sale, Luke said.

However, there are city ordinances that must be followed by all participants. Certain sign regula-

Regulations

Signs can only be put up within 24 hours of the garage sale.

Signs must be removed within 24 hours after the end of the sale.

No more than five signs may be used to advertise a garage sale.

Signs may not be higher than 3 feet off the ground, signs must be placed at least 1 foot away from the curb.

tions apply to advertisement for the sales.

According to the Maryville city ordinances, no more than five signs may be used to advertise a garage sale. Any signs that are placed cannot be higher than 3 feet off the ground, and must be placed in the ground using a stake or similar device. The signs must be placed at least 1 foot away from the curb.

For safety reasons, the signs may not be attached to "stop signs, street signs, utility poles, speed limit signs or any other object permanently existing in the City right-of-way."

Also, signs may not be put up earlier than 24 hours before the sale.

One of the most important things to remember is to remove the signs after the sale, Luke said.

All signs must be removed within 24 hours of the end of the sale.

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The laptop computers will be under an HP warranty for defects and will be covered for accidental damage with a \$50 deductible charge for major damages.

All laptop computer check-outs, check-ins and repairs must be completed at the Electronic Campus Support Center on the Northwest campus.

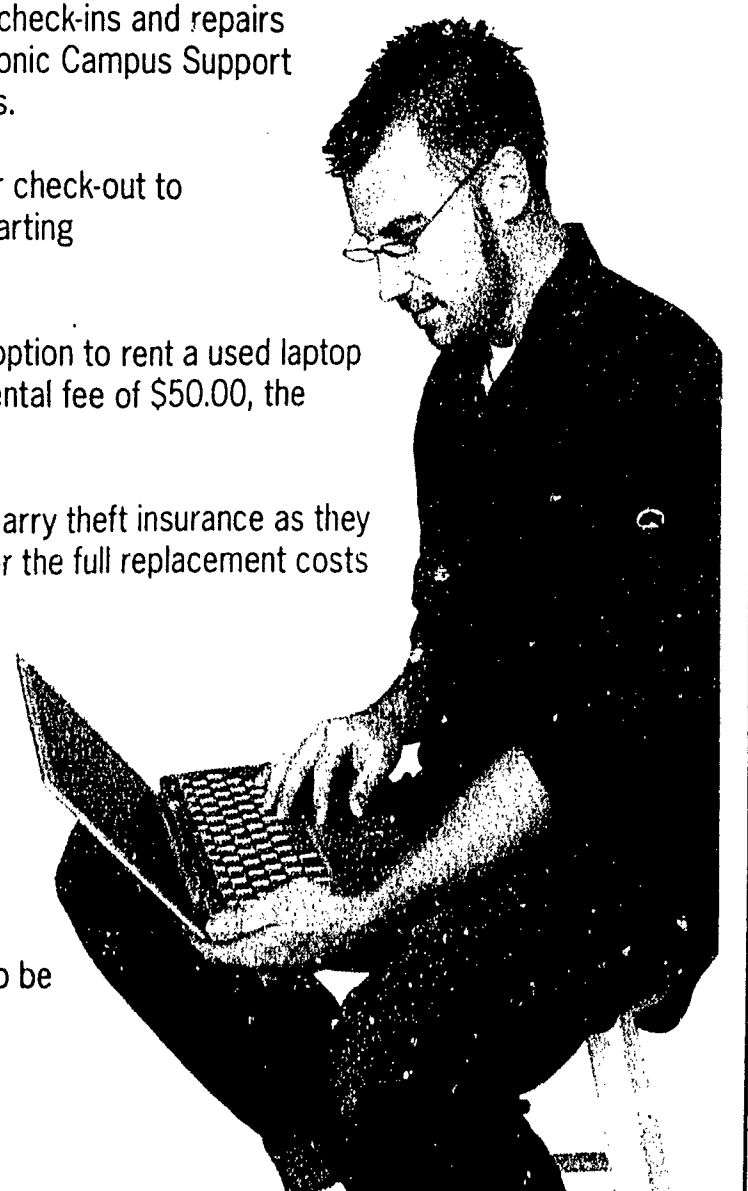
The new laptops will be ready for check-out to pre-enrolled full-time students starting August 11, 2008.

Part-time students will have the option to rent a used laptop computer each trimester for a rental fee of \$50.00, the current charge is \$150.00.

Students will be encouraged to carry theft insurance as they will continue to be responsible for the full replacement costs of stolen or lost laptops.

The expansion of the wireless data network will continue on campus as soon as current vendors can supply the newest 802.11n networking equipment.

Laptop computers will continue to be replaced every 3 years.



WEST: Beiermann hopes son picks up his talent

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time. So I got how much, each place I go, kind of down pat." In learning both how to cook and how to perform, Beiermann had help from many different people with some renowned ties. For instance Bob James, who works on Beiermann's guns, is the great-grandson of Old West outlaw Frank James. Beiermann's weapons of choice are two Colt Single Action Army .45's, ivory-handled and consecutively serial-numbered, valued at approximately \$6,000.

A fan of Old West movies and shows as a kid, as well as an avid fisher and hunter, Beiermann had a fondness for the cowboy way at an early age. But it was a meeting at the age of 22 with Ed Eldridge, a cowboy showman himself, that set Beiermann on the trail of learning how to handle the tools of the Old West.

"He was performing a show and he was doing the fast draw and the gun spinning and the ropes," Beiermann said. "So I went to see this guy and see what the show was about and afterwards I went and talked to him ... we hit it off right then and there."

"He strapped his guns on me and said 'Try them on.' And two weeks later I ended up with my first gun and we went from there and I started doing shows with him and he's taught me the gun spinning, the rope spinning, the bull whips."

Eldridge, who was once a Hollywood stand-in for Clint Eastwood, said Beiermann was a natural.

"He was a real good student and he wanted to learn. It was pretty easy," Eldridge said. "He's got the real look of a Western star anyway; tall, lean."

Beiermann's skills are only part of his makeup, Eldridge said.

"Todd's character is fantastic as far as I'm concerned," Eldridge said. "He's almost like a true Westerner you know, whatever he says, he does and he holds up

his end of the bargain. He's just a darn good guy."

Another close friend of Beiermann's, Melvin O'Neal, of New Market, Iowa, taught Beiermann a lot of what he knows about cooking, Beiermann said.

Beiermann's wife Teresa and their four children have been a tremendous help as well, Beiermann said.

"She has helped me out tremendously with this business, her kids, my kids and relation," Beiermann said. "To get the whole thing going has been a family affair."

With cooking and performing, Beiermann is about as far from a one-trick pony as a person can be. In addition to those trades, the list of things Beiermann has tried his hand at is extensive. He's farmed, ran heavy equipment, ranched, worked in quality control for H&H Trailers and even been a commercial pilot.

Keeping the history of the Old West alive is important to Beiermann.

"This is the lost arts of the Old West and there's not many people that do it," Beiermann said. "I hope to carry it along somewhere along the line. I've taught my boy (He) can do just about what I do."

His son, Adam, a senior at Northwest, said he liked telling people what his father did when he was growing up. His father taught him many tricks with the whip, rope and guns, and even came to his high school to perform. His was a unique childhood, Adam said.

"My dad was awesome. I love my dad. He's always been there for me," Adam said and added that his father's cooking gave him a unique dining experience. "It was always great with him trying to perfect the recipes."

Whether it's twirling his guns, cooking at the Sydney Rodeo or flying a plane, Todd said he's happy with the decisions he's made with his life.

"I can't complain one bit," Todd said. "I wouldn't change a thing with my life."

RETIREEES: Students remembered

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What are your plans after retirement? I hope to work with children and families again in some way, so I will probably just be changing my focus. I am excited to see where God may lead me. I also have several hobbies, such as photography, traveling and writing poetry. I also plan to have more time to relax and enjoy my home, family and friends.

Other memories you have from Northwest? Receiving the Tower Service Award, attending football games and the great free concerts by the music department, football games, receiving such support from colleagues when I was in the hospital so long last year and recovering at home, enjoying the great family atmosphere we have here, watching my preschool students and also college students in early childhood education mature and develop.

What is your favorite memory while working at Northwest? I have plenty of favorites, which include promotion and tenure, departmental parties and retreats, working with our grad students, the national football championship games, MIAA basketball tournaments in 2008 and turning over the chair's responsibilities to Dr. Pivral.

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colleagues. What are your plans after retirement? At this point, my plan is not to have a plan. I have lived by a plan since I was in junior high school. I'm looking forward to living without a planner.

Name: Michael Graham
Position(s) held: Professor of Educational Leadership, Coordinator of Teacher Leadership, Coordinator of Specialist in Education degree, Previous chair of Educational Leadership (1996-2004)

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ALL ABOUT DIERKS



A SOLD OUT crowd of 3,500 filled Bearcat Stadium last Wednesday, April 16, for the annual Northwest spring concert with headline Dierks Bentley. Bentley took the stage around 9 p.m. to screaming fans. Country music stars Luke Bryan and Bucky Covington opened the show for Bentley. To see more photos from the spring concert go to nwmissourianews.com and click on Dierks Bentley Concert Central.

MHS BASEBALL

Extras aid defending state champs

By Christopher Woodland
Missourian Reporter

Last week's record-setting performance against Cameron didn't translate into success this week for the Maryville baseball team.

The Spoofhounds dropped an extra-inning battle to defending state champion Benton Monday 2-1, and followed it up with a 19-9 loss to LeBlond.

"Neither team played very well," coach Thom Alvarez said. "We were making a lot of errors and they put an end to it and we didn't."

On the heels of a blistering 15-0 win over conference foe Cameron, in which Maryville set single-game school records for hits (19), most doubles (7) and highest team batting average (.522), the 'Hounds played even against Benton for seven innings.

Senior Aaron Ducker pitched the entirety of both games allowing just one combined earned run.

Benton took a 1-0 lead in the sixth inning only to see the 'Hounds tie the game in the seventh when T.J. Stevens' hit brought Joe Jasinski home for the tying run.

The game would end, however, in the eighth inning when Benton scored the go-ahead run and won 2-1.

"We were hitting the ball well, it was just at people a lot of the time," Ducker said. "We didn't have an error either for the first time all season. It just goes to show that if we play good defense, we can play with anyone."

One earned run in two games is an amazing statistic, but it's something Alvarez has come to expect from his senior pitcher every time he takes the mound.

"He's really been a rock for us all year long," Alvarez said. "I think if he really wanted to play college ball somewhere he really could."

He explained he feels Ducker's plans after high school revolve around getting an education rather than playing college athletics.

The 'Hounds travel to Community America Ballpark, home of the Kansas City T-Bones, to face conference opponent Lawson, May 2, at 4 p.m.

NW BASEBALL

Conference tourney hopes on the ropes

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

After getting swept by No. 2 Emporia State last weekend, the Northwest baseball team was mired in a six-game losing streak and on the verge of falling out of the MIAA tournament picture.

But, the Bearcats were able to exact a measure of revenge on a non-conference opponent Tuesday night.

While Northwest's 6-4, 10-inning defeat of Nebraska-Kearney doesn't matter for MIAA purposes, it could serve as a springboard for a crucial home stretch.

"At this point in our season, it was a huge win for us because we had a rough week," coach Darin Loe said. "We had to get back on the winning track. Hopefully we are able to take a little bit of momentum from this and carry it into our last eight conference games."

The losing trend appeared to be continuing, as Kearney scored three first-inning runs off Northwest starter Zach Weston.

Shortstop Ryan Bledsoe smashed a solo home run in the third to cut the lead to two, but the Lopers answered back with a run in the fourth.

Ben Bryant came in to relieve Weston, who had given up four runs, in the fifth inning and was virtually flawless. The freshman pitched four shutout innings and walked none to prevent the second game of the home-and-home series from slipping away.

Ben Malick made sure Bryant's effort did not go for naught, as he doubled home two runs to tie the game in the ninth. The Lopers soon loaded the bases in the bottom half of the frame, but the Bearcat infield spoiled their game-winning opportunity.

"We played great defense behind our pitchers," Loe said. "They would've won the game in the ninth because they had the bases loaded and one out, but we turned a big double play to get out of it and send it to the 10th."

Left fielder Chris Benham's two-out, two-RBI single put Northwest ahead for good, while Evan Nickell got the win by closing out the 10th.

"It's real satisfying," Benham said. "I think we really needed it after this weekend. We needed something to build off of going into the next two weekends. It's going to help us a lot."

Currently, Northwest sits at sixth in the conference, two games behind Missouri Western and Missouri Southern and with just eight games remaining before the MIAA Tournament, there is not much room for error in either series.

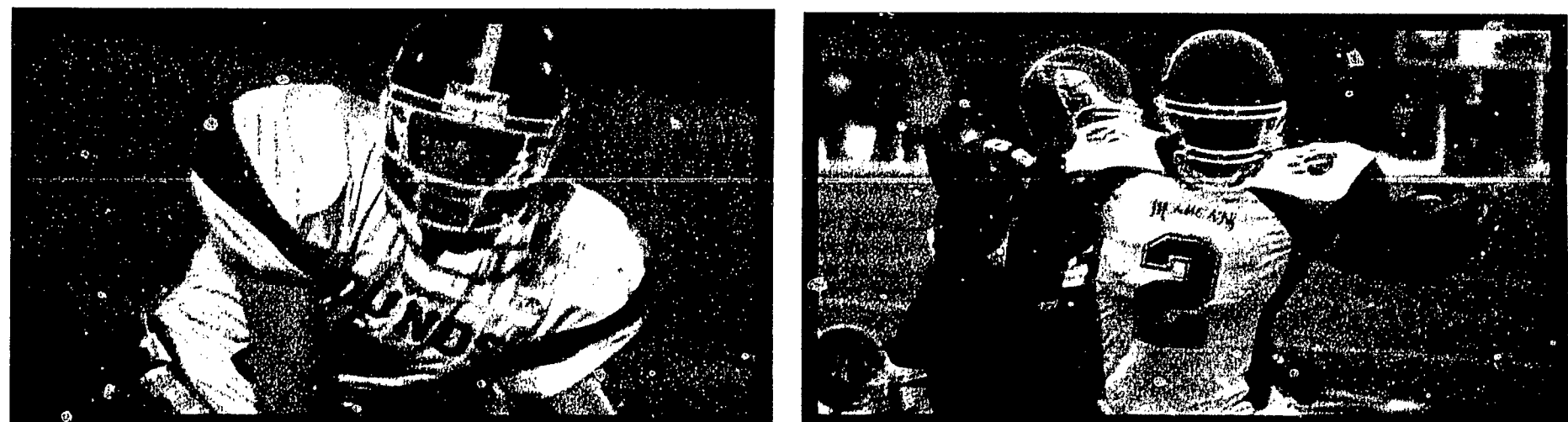
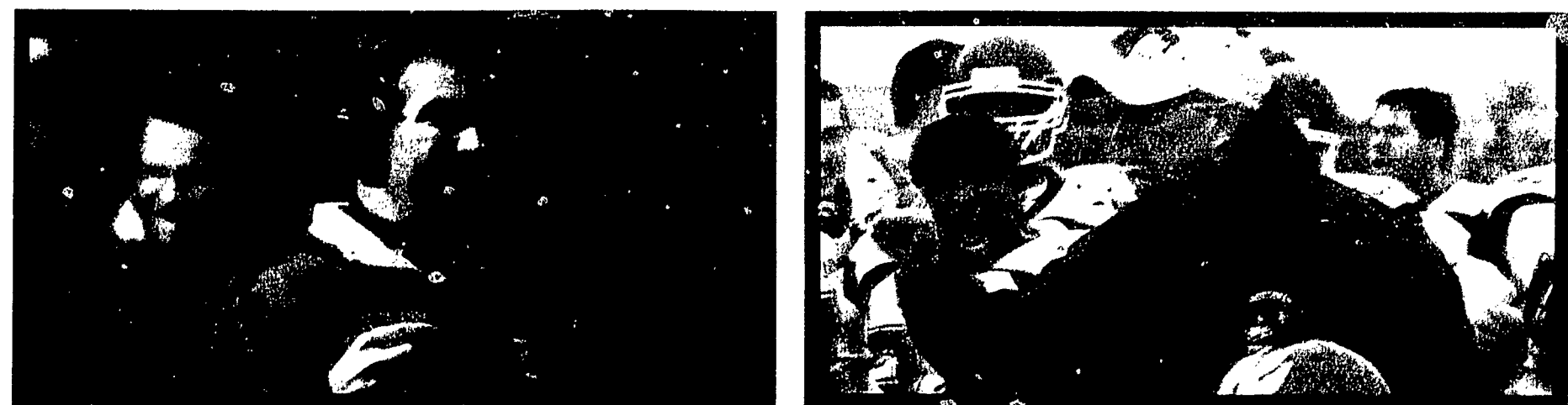
Loe thinks his team may have to sweep both Pittsburg State this weekend and Truman in the final weekend to have a shot at placing fourth, which would get them a tournament berth.

"We basically have put ourselves in a position where we've got to win our next eight conference games to give ourselves a realistic chance to make the conference tournament," he said. "The more games that we drop between now and then, the easier it makes it for either Missouri Southern or Missouri Western to hold onto that four-seed."

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Tjeerdsma, Omon, Schumacher share memorable seasons

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

The 14-year Northwest head coach led his team to its third consecutive national championship game.

Despite an NCAA-record three consecutive losses in the title game, Tjeerdsma led his team to back-to-back undefeated conference seasons. Tjeerdsma also notched his 200th career win in the regular season finale against former assistant coach Bart Tatum and Missouri Southern.

"The thing about him that people don't get to see is that he can be these guys outside of football," offensive coordinator Adam Dorel said.

"He teaches us a lot about football, but he also teaches us a lot about life and life skills that I use every day, hard work, discipline."

The University named the playing surface at Bearcat Stadium "Mel Tjeerdsma Field" in a dedication ceremony prior to the season opener against Arkansas Tech that was later called off due to lightning.

NW Coach of the Year: Mel Tjeerdsma

Xavier Omon finished his career at Northwest with 7,073 yards and 95 touchdowns. During his four years as running back, Omon established an era of consistency not seen in school history.

What separated Omon from the rest and put him among the best in Division II history was his performance in the 2007 playoffs. Omon rushed for 771 yards and 11 touchdowns, carrying Northwest to its third consecutive national championship appearance.

Omon's biggest playoff performances came in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds. Facing off once again against Harton Hill Trophy winner Danny Woodhead, Omon rushed for 309 yards and three touchdowns.

"I don't think any of you can appreciate how far he has come. I can," Tjeerdsma said to reporters after the 26-13 win. "I'm really proud of him, and it's not the 300 yards plus. I'm proud of him for being the man that he is and the way he carries himself and what he does for this football team."

Omon finished as the nation's leading rusher at 2,337 yards and is second on the MIAA's all-time rushing list.

The former running back will see if he has a NFL future when the 2008 NFL Draft airs at 2 p.m. on ESPN.

NW Male Athlete of the Year: Xavier Omon

Northwest forward Mandy Schumacher taded down the stretch, scoring in single digits the last three games of the season including a first-round tournament loss.

Schumacher took it to another level in her senior season, averaging 15.7 points - four more than last season's 11.7.

She also averaged nearly eight rebounds a game after pulling down 6.5 the year before.

Schumacher led the team to the MIAA Tournament championship. She averaged 11.3 points and 5.7 rebounds and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

"We came into the tournament and said we didn't want to go out as underachievers," Schumacher said. "Schumacher improved last season's dismal playoff performance by averaging 17 points and 11 rebounds in two games as Northwest reached the second round for just the second time in school history."

NW Female Athlete of the Year: Mandy Schumacher

Holt, Archer, Walker garner awards during Maryville's turnaround year

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

So many times in sports, the highest high is followed almost immediately by the lowest low.

In football, those moments usually occur in the playoffs, where seasons are truly made or broken.

Second-year coach Chris Holt's 2007 Maryville Spoofhounds didn't get a chance to experience this, as they were toppled by the future-state-champion Lawson Cardinals in their first district game.

The loss would not sting so bad if the 'Hounds didn't finish 9-4 outside of the Class 2 playoffs or if the Cardinals were even remotely matched in their championship run.

"I still don't watch the film; it bothers me," Holt said. "It probably wouldn't hurt as bad if they'd (Lawson) lost somewhere along the lines, but they were really never tested after us. So, I don't know if I'll ever get over that."

The loss came just two weeks after Maryville's 27-14 defeat of Platte County, which was the culmination of an MFC campaign that featured an opening-night win over longtime nemesis Chillicothe, and a thrilling come-from-behind defeat of Cameron.

With two district teams advancing to the playoffs next season, Holt hopes getting to the promised land in his third year will help take away some of the memory of how he associates the last one.

"I guess if we get over the hump next year, maybe that will kind of help take the sting out of it a little bit," he said.

MHS Coach of the Year: Chris Holt

Trapped in a hole in a match destined for overtime at the Class 1 State Championships in Columbia, Tanner Archer was in danger of falling short of his goal.

But instead of simply waiting to do his damage in an extra period, the 160-pounder took care of business when it counted, by scoring a tie-breaking escape to defeat Lawson's Ian Swarts and climb onto the medal stand for third place.

It was his first all-state honor and the three matches he won were the first in his three appearances at state.

"It was big because my first match down there this year was the first one I'd won there," Archer said. "It was a big hump to step over, but I was ready to complete down there and not just get down there."

While Archer was instrumental to the Spoofhound wrestling team's 55-point state effort, he was also a key part of the MEC-champion football team.

The senior earned first team all-conference honors as a safety and intercepted four passes and scored three touchdowns as a receiver. His two-point conversion tackle on an option play in Chillicothe and subsequent interception sealed Maryville's first win there since 1993.

"He was hugely important, both in his role defen-

sively and offensively." Defensive line and baseball coach Thom Alvarez said. "He always had a nose for the ball and made a lot of big tackles for us."

"It's an aggressive kid and that helped him in all three of his sports. When it's game time, he's ready to bring it."

After he finishes high school, Archer plans to attend Northwest and attempt to walk on to the football team. But, if last fall was his final time in pads, he will remember how instrumental his class was in resurrecting a team.

"It was awesome," he said. "It was everything we've ever worked for in our whole lives."

MHS Male Athlete of the Year: Tanner Archer

Without Megan Walker in the 2006-07 school year, the Maryville softball and basketball teams struggled through losing seasons.

A year later with the junior pitcher and center, who played her first two years at Class 1 Worth County High School, those teams barely lost 10 games between them.

Of course, Walker's presence was not the sole reason for these teams' turnarounds, but it was a coincidence either. Some may find it difficult to believe a Class 1 player could have such an impact on three sports (Walker also throws the shot and discus on the Spoofhound track team) at a Class 3 high school, but girls' basketball and track coach Grant Hageman expected that performance.

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NW SOFTBALL



NORTHWEST SECOND BASEMAN Erin Leslie slides safely into home during Tuesday's sweep against Central Missouri. Leslie went 1-for-3 during game two's 3-2 victory. Northwest's victory cemented a No. 3 seed entering the MIAA tournament May 1.

Pitching helps drive doubleheader sweep

By Scott Levine
Missourian Reporter

Northwest's doubleheader sweep against No. 2 regionally ranked Central Missouri may indicate what the Bearcats are capable of when postseason play begins May 1.

After dropping a doubleheader against Washburn on April 15, the "Cats" own a six-game winning streak, including Tuesday's 1-0 and 3-2 wins against Central Missouri. The game concluded the conference season, as Northwest finished third in the conference at 11-7, while the Jennies ended the season 12-6.

The season ends Saturday and Sunday in Mankato, Minn., and then Northwest enters the MIAA tournament May 1 as a No. 3 seed.

"We're starting to play together," Northwest pitcher Cola Krueger said. "These wins were big in our book, and it should carry us into this weekend and the conference tournament."

Krueger silenced the Jennies bats in game one, allowing four hits, walking none and striking out eight. The junior hurler faced 24 batters, three more than the minimum during her season's 11th win.

"Our defense was amazing," Krueger said. "It helps when they give us up, because when we gave up a hit, we weren't nervous that they would score."

The Northwest hitters didn't do Krueger any favors through six innings. Northwest struggled at the plate, mustering two singles in the first six innings.

With the score knotted at zero, Kaia Ballard led off the seventh inning with a single. Janelle Krohn sacrifice bunted pinch-runner Jenna Smith to second base, and Kristen Hessel blooped a single to left field, plating the game's winning run.

"I was just trying to put the ball in play," Hessel said. "We didn't get too many hits, but we just have to stay confident. Hitting is contagious."

Hessel delivered again offensively in game two. After Central Missouri's Tarese Ely-Myers homered in the top half of the second inning, Hessel recorded a 2-out RBI driving in Ballard and Krohn, giving Northwest a 2-1 edge.

Northwest tacked on an insurance run in the third inning, as Erin Leslie registered a leadoff double. Leslie advanced to third base on a wild pitch and later scored on a Courtney Chandler fielder's choice.

"That run proved important as Central Missouri's Kherri-Dean Hummer belted a 2-out homer in the sixth."

"I'm not going to say (Kelly Morris) liked giving up those solo shots, but she worked through the worst," Northwest coach Ryan Anderson said. "She knew we shouldn't let those solo shots hurt us, and they didn't."

Morris paced the "Cats" on the mound with nine strikeouts as she improved to 16-8 overall.

"Both pitchers threw really well," Anderson said. "The umpire seemed to change his zone from inning to inning, but Kelly stayed in the game. She kept coming back. Now we have to work the bats."

The defense, which committed five errors against Washburn last week, amassed five errors during the six-game winning streak.

"Half of it's confidence," Anderson said. "We had an error today, but we shook it off. It's huge, because earlier, we kept giving teams extra chances, and you can't give teams extra at-bats. It's tough enough anyway without them."

The "Cats" travel to the MSU Mankato Softball Classic Saturday and Sunday to conclude the regular season. Northwest squares off against University of Nebraska-Omaha at 9 a.m., before facing Concordia-St. Paul at 1 p.m.

Northwest returns to action against Minnesota-Duluth at 11 a.m. Sunday, and then faces Wayne State at 3 p.m.

The conference tournament takes place on May 1-2 in Kansas City.

NW TRACK

Bailey shines at KU Relays

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The Northwest men's and women's track teams tested themselves against higher levels of competition last weekend at the Kansas Relays.

Junior Audrey Bailey seized the opportunity to perform against top competition finishing sixth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:02.3. Bailey provisionally qualified for nationals while finishing behind runners from Minnesota, Kansas and Seton Hall.

"Going into Kansas, you don't really know what to expect," Bailey said. "You know there's going to be good competition; there is every year. So, I didn't even know if I'd make it to the finals, but I'm glad I did."

With an increase in the level of competition, women's coach Scott Lorek, liked what he saw from his team.

"We competed really well," Lorek said. "It's difficult to tell, because times were down across the whole meet with the weather. I know we had people who were kind of disappointed with their performances, but when you look at it in the context of the whole meet, it was OK."

Men's coach Richard Alsop saw good things from his team as well, especially his relay teams.

The men finished second in the 400-meter relay after a disappointing showing at the Northwest Open. Juniors Kendall Wright and Sheldon Cook, sophomore John Miles

and senior E.J. Falkner combined for a time of 41.39, the fourth fastest time in school history.

"Our main goal in the prelim was just to finish one (relay race) at least," Miles said. "Coming in Saturday, we were like 'OK we know we can get the stick around now, so let's just kind of put it together.'"

The 400-meter relay team needs to shave some time off that mark to qualify for nationals, but Alsop said they're capable of a time in the 40-second range.

Not to be outdone, the 800-meter team of Miles, Cook, Falkner and Kevin Okonta took second, also.

Along with the work and results taken from last weekend's meets, the "Cats" also came away with a special experience. The Kansas Relays is one of the most prestigious track meets in the country, mixing high school, college and professional runners.

"We had a lot of fans out there, and you get to see the elites run that gets you going a little bit better too," Miles said.

While some of the men sample the competition at the Kansas Relays, some spent last weekend in Warburg, Mo. Tr. Pursell placed fourth in the 800-meter run while Martin Curley placed seventh in the high jump with a mark of more than 21 feet.

The "Cats" split up again this weekend, with some heading to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, while others travel to Indianapolis, Ind. for the Kip Janvin Simpson College Open.

NW GOLF

Successful inaugural season ends

By Dustin Sander
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest women's golf team's first season as a varsity sport comes to an end this weekend.

Starting last September, the Bearcats began their first season with all freshmen to carry the team to success.

"It's been a good season for varsity golf at Northwest. We've had some successes and the freshmen have learned a lot," coach Pat McLaughlin said.

Although there will be no golfers to represent Northwest at the Regional and National tournaments, McLaughlin is pleased with how his team completed this season.

The "Cats" have two first-place finishes this season and one second-place finish in smaller tournaments. In the larger tournaments, McLaughlin was still happy with finishing in the middle with his team of freshmen.

As for this spring season, McLaughlin was frustrated with the weather and having two tournaments canceled and one shortened due

to weather.

For the last week the team worked on its short game to make improvements before the end of the season.

As the season nears its end, McLaughlin hopes for another high note with a successful showing at a home tournament.

The "Cats" play their last tournament of the year at Moxingo Lake Golf Course today.

McLaughlin is very pleased with his competitive freshmen team. Before every tournament, the team holds qualifying rounds at either Moxingo or the Country Club. The five best golfers of that week get to travel and compete in the tournament.

Every week, different golfers are showing up and doing well. All the girls have been very competitive, and the girls that had been invited have all gotten a chance to play, McLaughlin said.

Women's golf currently is not an MIAA conference sport because only five of the schools have teams.

There are plans for an MIAA tournament to be held next fall.

NW TENNIS

Men, women eye another MIAA Championship

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

Northwest tennis coach Mark Rosewell knows what it's like to win a men's and women's conference championship in the same year.

In fact, he's the only MIAA coach to ever win a title in both categories since women's tennis was added in 1982, and this year, both teams seem poised to make it the sixth time. Northwest looks to add another MIAA title in men's and women's competition during Saturday and Sunday's MIAA tournament.

The two teams own 24 MIAA titles combined.

"No one other than Northwest has ever won both championships," Rosewell said. "Our women went

undefeated and both of these teams' goal is to win."

The women (19-3, 7-0) currently ride an eight match winning streak. Northwest finished the regular season with a 7-2 victory against Emporia State last Saturday.

Kristina Vucenov returned from injury during the match, and defeated Marcela Bayon in straight sets, 6-2, 6-0. Vucenov paired with Lina Gomez for the first time this season in doubles, and won 9-7.

Although Vucenov returned to action after a week's hiatus, she still said her injury still lingers.

"I'm going to play for sure," Vucenov said about the conference tournament. "I will push myself and try to get better. I have to play conference. I can't skip."

Vucenov said she won't be 100 percent, but during her absence other players stepped up to continue the team's winning streak.

Jordan Lipira and Veronica Castilla hold an undefeated doubles record since joining forces three matches ago. Lipira and Gomez also own seven-match winning streaks.

The men own a five-match winning streak and share the top seed with Southwest Baptist and Washburn heading into the conference tournament. Teams won't know their seeds until Friday.

"We've seen all these teams, so there shouldn't be any surprises," senior Jake Saulsbury said. "We know what to expect. We just need to stay loose and stay consistent."

The Bearcats (15-4, 3-1) lost to Southwest Baptist 7-2 earlier in the year, but defeated Washburn 5-4

BEARCATS

BASEBALL STATISTICS

Northwest	Batting Avg.	Opponent
292	Runs	307
273	Hits	252
391	Home runs	408
39	RBI's	48
242	Slugging %	233
456	On-Base %	483
381	Stolen bases	389
64	Fielding %	25
959		955

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Batting Average	Earned Run Average
1. K. Hernandez-ESU .479	1. M. Carey-UCM 2.14
2. B. Majors-ESU .452	2. T. Appleton-ESU 2.54
3. T. House-PSU .416	3. D. Polje-UCM 3.35
4. E. Shortell-ESU .400	4. C. Jackson-MWSU 3.78

Runs Batted In	Strikeouts/Game
1. E. Shortell-ESU 74	1. R. Timbrook-ESU 11.8
2. B. Majors-ESU 57	2. D. Polje-UCM 10.6
3. K. Hernandez-ESU 57	3. D. Polje-UCM 10.1
4. M. Hallam-UCM 46	4. M. Carey-UCM 10
5. B. Westman-NW 40	5. B. Harvel-NW 8.67

On-Base Percentage	Saves
1. K. Hernandez-ESU .586	1. E. Nickell-NW 7
2. T. House-PSU .542	2. N. Templeton-PSU 5
3. E. Shortell-ESU .505	3. D. Polje-UCM 4
4. M. Hallam-UCM .464	4. A. Jones-MWSU 2.21
5. B. Malick-NW .483	5. A. Burris-ESU 4

SOFTBALL STATISTICS

Northwest	Batting Avg.	Opponent
297	Runs	270
255	Hits	184
374	Home runs	326
32	RBI's	34
231	Slugging %	162
457	On-Base %	421
378	Stolen Bases	331
35	Fielding %	34
956		954

CONFERENCE LEADERS

Batting Average	Earned Run Average
1. J. Anastos-FHSU .504	1. M. Leonard-UCM 1.21
2. M. Campbell-ESU .431	2. K. Noski-TSU 1.29
3. C. Carper-NW .424	3. S. Sheeley-ESU 1.42
4. C. Belcher-TSU .414	4. A. Jones-MWSU 2.21
5. C. Chennell-NW .382	5. K. Morris-NW 2.91

Runs Batted In	Strikeouts/Game
1. J. Anastos-FHSU 43	1. M. Leonard-UCM 10.17
2. J. Dace-ESU 43	2. S. Sheeley-ESU 9.95
3. T. Elmy-Myers-UCM 43	3. K. Morris-NW 9.95
4. T. Carper-NW 42	

On-Base Percentage	Shutouts
1. J. Anastos-FHSU .558	1. M. Leonard-UCM 8
2. M. Campbell-ESU .525	2. S. Sheeley-ESU 5
3. E. Leslie-NW .486	3. K. Swygert-WU 4
4. C. Carper-NW .466	4. K. Noski-TSU 4
5. C. Chennell-NW .435	5. K. Morris-NW 3

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SPOOFHOUNDS

MHS GOLF

Hendrix leads year's best effort

By Brian Bosiljevac
Missourian reporter

The Maryville High School golf team continues its march to districts, as it took down the Bedford Bulldogs in Tuesday's rescheduled matchup.

The Spoofhounds hosted the Bulldogs at Monzingo where they saw their best weather so far this season and took advantage of that.

The team collectively shot a 160, which is their season's lowest score. Senior Luke Hendrix and freshman Matt Downing shared medalist honors, shooting a 39.

"Actually, I played tremendously well," Downing said. "I was extremely happy with my performance, and the best part is the team played great too."

Downing had one of his best rounds all year, while Hendrix battled back after a tough start.

"Honestly, I started off pretty rough," Hendrix said. "But I pulled it off at the end and finished decent."

The rest of the squad brought in scores on the team. Jackson recorded a 40, good enough for second on the team. Ian Alumbaugh delivered a 42, while Trevor Shell and Tanner Reames shot a 44 and 48, respectively.

Tuesday's victory continued the team's improved play.

The "Hounds set a season record for lowest score with a 323, Monday, at the Chillicothe Tournament.

That score helped the "Hounds claim a fourth place finish. The tournament contained 12 schools.

"We finished fourth, only two strokes behind a very good Trenton team," coach Brenda Ricks said. "Cameron came in first with all of their golfers having a score in the 70s, which is just amazing."

Hendrix shined again on Monday claiming the lone "Hound medalist, with a score of 77."

The team also competed in the Cameron tournament last Friday where it tied for eighth place out of 17 with a 341.

As the season draws to an end, the team prepares for the district tournament.

"I am going to be honest. I don't look to win. We have good teams in our district. Lawson took third at state last year, and they didn't lose anyone. We also have to face Cameron who just won the last tournament," Ricks said.

Even with a tough district, Ricks still believes her team can send some players to the state tournament with the 10 remaining individual spots up for grabs in the district tournament.

"I really think the two seniors have a good chance at getting to state. They have played at the course before and been in districts before," Downing said. "The other two freshmen and I will have a challenge and probably be nervous, but we should play well."



FRESHMAN TREVOR SHELL attempts a putt on the 13th hole at Moxingo. Shell shot a 42 in Tuesday's meet.

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Bledsoe

The senior from Union, Mo., is 9-for-16 with two home runs and six RBIs in the last four games. Bledsoe is batting .386 in 166 at-bats.

Krueger

The junior pitcher from Blue Springs, Mo., has allowed one earned run in the last 21 innings. Krueger has also struck out 21 batters and is 11-7 with a 3.07 ERA.

Gadbois

The freshman sprinter continued her unbeaten streak in the short sprints, winning the 100 and 200-meter dashes, while also helping the 1600-meter relay team take first place at Platte County, Tuesday.

Rogers

The junior middle distance runner finished second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:05.2 and helped the 1600-meter relay team take first place at Platte County, Tuesday.

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MHS SOCCER

Defensive lapses lead to loss

By Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

A very different-looking Maryville High School girls' soccer team showed up for last Tuesday's game against Smithville.

The Spoofhounds, who started Monday with an 8-3 record, fell hard to the Smithville Warriors 8-0.

"I think we're too good for what we allowed today," Maryville coach Bayo Oludaja said. "I'd like them to think about it, and make sure it doesn't happen again."

The score of 8-0 seems to indicate poor goalkeeping, but in this case, it meant poor defense in front of the goaltender, Oludaja said.

Goalie Erica Espey made a number of saves, but the "Hounds were tremendously out-shot."

"She did a good job," Oludaja said. "There's only so much you can do on your own. In fact, there were some saves that she made that an inexperienced goalie wouldn't

make. So, she did the best she could. I can't fault her at all."

Smithville began scoring in the 11th minute and made it 2-0 five minutes later.

After the 2-0 deficit, Maryville spent most of its time on its own side of the field. The "Hounds didn't register their first shot on goal until the 34th minute. Forward Ashley Blanchard took the shot and later nearly scored on a shot that deflected off the post.

"There weren't that many opportunities anyway, but their defense was pretty solid," Blanchard said. "And, of course, I don't think we played our best today."

The Warriors took a 3-0 lead into halftime. Oludaja said he tried to tell his team to sit down on openings for Smithville's forwards.

Despite Oludaja's words of encouragement, openings continued for Smithville as it tacked on five more goals in the second half — three within five minutes of each

other.

Oludaja refused to make excuses for his players, but part of the problem may have been fatigue. The "Hounds played a tournament over the weekend, playing back-to-back games Saturday.

Blanchard, however, felt intimidation may have been a factor.

"I think we just got probably intimidated," Blanchard said. "We didn't play how we normally do. We didn't trust each other enough."

Results from the team's Wednesday game were not available at press time.

Maryville continues its season at 5:30 p.m. tonight, in St. Joseph against Benton.

As for the results of Monday's game, the "Hounds hope it's a one-time event.

"It's definitely going to make us work harder so it won't happen again," Blanchard said. "Like Bayo said earlier 'you only need one of these a season ... if that.'"

MHS TRACK

Girls take fifth straight meet

By Christopher Woodland
Missourian Reporter

Tuesday's track meet at Platte County had a "mixed bag" of results for the Maryville track teams.

The girls took home their fifth straight first-place finish, scoring 125 team points, while the boys didn't quite meet their expectations and finished behind both Kearney (125) and Smithville (117).

"We got disappointed," boys coach Chris Holt said. "We had some kids step up and some kids that didn't quite perform up to their abilities. It was a mixed bag."

Of the sub-par performances Tuesday, Jon Farmer's is perhaps the most notable. He suffered his first long jump loss this season with a jump of 20.5 1/2. John Hincey and Austin Stephens both of Kearney jumped 20.75."

The boys did have a solid performance in the 800 with two of the top three spots going to Maryville runners. Jon Rogers finished second with a time of 2:05.2 and Seth Staashelm's 2:07.5 earned him third place.

Maryville also won the 1,600 relay with a time of 3:32.7.

Despite an injury to one of the three record-setting girls' track team members, the girls continued their winning streak with help from younger athletes and team unity.

"We have kind of a younger team. We're really close, and there's really no gap between the older ones and the younger ones," senior thrower Emily Lipiec said. "It kind of started out where one of us would decide to go out (for track), and then, other friends will go out. We're pretty close."

The girls totaled four first place finishes at Platte County. Freshman Taylor Gadbois beat all contenders in the 100, 200 and 400 meters, and she teamed up with Mercede Scott, Jordan Steins and Sam McGinness to capture first in the 1,600-meter relay. Gadbois set to be defended this season in the 100, 200 or 1,600 relay.

Hageman feels the effects of placing fifth, sixth and seventh are just as important as the first place finishes though.

"It's one thing to get the first and second places," Hageman said. "But if it wasn't for the girls placing fifth, sixth or seventh,

2007-2008 season full of memorable events

The 2007-2008 season has been a mix of memorable events. It began with a strike of lightning and ended with an improbable shot.



Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Between these events is a mix of disappointing and incredible finishes. As the spring trimester ends, it's time to take a look at the Top 5 moments in Northwest sports during the past year.

5. Men, women sweep MIAA tournament

One team was expected to win. The other limped its way into the conference tournament at Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium.

The men entered the tournament on a roll, having won 10 out of the last 13 games. After an easy win over Pittsburg State, Northwest withstood upset bids by Washburn and Emporia State for its third

postseason championship under coach Steve Tappineyer.

While the men were considered the favorite, the women had a monumental challenge ahead of them. The women underachieved in the regular season and needed a tournament win to get into the NCAA Tournament. After an overtime win over Missouri Southern, the Bears upset Washburn—a team that had a decade of dominance in the tournament.

After a convincing win over Southwest Baptist in the title game, the Bears advanced to the second round of the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1984. The team admitted that Missouri Southern's physical play set the tone for Northwest for the rest of the tournament and the regional.

4. School dedicates field to Mel Tjeerdema

The storm clouds stayed away long enough for Northwest to honor long-time football coach Mel Tjeerdema.

In the summer prior to the 2007 season, the Board of Regents approved a measure to name the playing surface at Bearcat Stadium "Mel Tjeerdema Field" after the 14-year head coach. Northwest held a dedication ceremony prior to the season opener against Arkansas Tech with members of the Tjeerdema family pulling up a tarp above the north end zone with the name etched in.

Lightning would later put an end to the game with Northwest leading 21-0 with something left in the first quarter. Later, the NCAA would rule the game a no-contest.

3. Qaoud makes return to gridiron

Abu Qaoud always knew he'd play football again and he didn't disappoint. Qaoud, who suffered third-degree burns in a tragic fire at Carson Apartments, went through several surgeries and a long stay at the University of Kansas Medical Center.

He returned to the team on schedule and had 28 catches for 334 yards as Northwest advanced to the national championship game.

2. Northwest falls in national championship

Brady Municipal Stadium has become a nightmarish location for Northwest fans and the football team. The nightmare continued when Valparaiso State knocked off Northwest 25-21 in the national title game. Northwest also got the distinction of becoming the first school in NCAA history to lose three consecutive national championship games.

1. Meghan Brue's half-court shot

Impossible. This word described the women's basketball team's chances of winning as they trailed 71-69 with two seconds left in the regional opener against top-seeded West Texas A&M. Improbable was Meghan Brue's game-winning 40-footer that sent Northwest to a 72-71 win. The play almost didn't happen. April Miller's in-bounds pass went right to Brue, she dropped it but was still able to get off the shot that swished in as time expired.

SPORTS STATE TOP 5 FAVORITE ATHLETES OF ALL TIME

* We at the Northwest Missourian love watching sports. Therefore, we believe you should have to read about it.

Scott's Picks

1. Jamaal Tinsley — PG Iowa State 1999-2001
After hours of thinking, I couldn't name another person who gave me more joy than Tinsley did. Sure, he likes to shoot up strip clubs and not be eligible for the N.O. with Award, but he can send the rock. Tinsley sliced and diced defenses, carrying the Clones to two straight Big 12 championships and No. 2 seeds. Unfortunately his senior year is overshadowed by the Hampton loss, but it should be noted he single-handedly carried that team to the national spotlight.

2. Kris Carter — WR Minnesota 1998-2001
The only guy who consistently carried the load for one of my teams. Carter ranks among the top receivers of all-time, and carried the Vikes to eight playoff appearances.

3. Joe Crede — 3B Chicago 2003-Present
Crede is my favorite player on my favorite team of all-time, the 2005 World Champion White Sox. Crede is clutch, and if it wasn't for complete bias in regards to the gold glove, he'd be flashing shiny leather on his diving grabs.

4. Kenny Pratt — F Iowa State 1995-1997
The "garbage man" still lives in my heart as the ultimate team player. He lived in Dedric Wiloughby and Kelvin Cato's shadow, but he was the cornerstone of the 1997 Sweet 16 run.

5. Randy Moss — WR Minnesota 1998-2004
"Straight cash, honey." That's how Moss pays his fines and that's how he plays the game. He's a freak, and coupled with Kris Carter, Randall Cunningham and Robert Smith, he gave me my favorite Minnesota Vikings team. Disagree if you will, but I'll go to my grave believing he's the best receiver of his era.

Brett's Picks

1. Carlos Beltran — OF Kansas City 1998-2004
As much as I want to hate Beltran for leaving Kansas City in 2004 despite earning \$6 million in 2003, I did enjoy his time at the K. He had a sweet swing and an even better defensive prowess. I'm only sorry the Royals never got a chance to see what his bat could do in the postseason, but Houston sure did in the 2004 playoffs.

2. Kevin Gamett — F/C Minnesota 1995-2007
If there's one guy who deserves a ring, it's KG. I love this guy's aggressive rebounding and excellent mid-range game. He's better off winning a ring in Boston. He was never appreciated in Minnesota. You know your owner is an idiot when he said Gamett tanked his last year with the Timberwolves. Yeah, 22 points and 12.8 rebounds is a C+ effort by KG.

3. Randy Johnson — P Arizona 1999-2004
The man behind the nastiest slider in baseball history. Add the fact this guy is a total giant at 6-10. Before he went to the Yankees for just a paycheck, he was one of the most dominant pitchers in baseball. He had five straight years of 300 or more strikeouts. Just filthy. He also, along with Curt Schilling beat the Yankees in the World Series, so he's a hero in my book.

4. Ichiro Suzuki — OF Seattle 2001-Present
Incredible plate-discipline and an amazing outfielder. He's already a Hall of Famer in my book.

5. Vladimir Guerrero — OF Expos 1996-2003
I watched this guy throw out a runner from the right field corner. I was amazed beyond belief and his little need for a strike zone makes him all that more dangerous.

Sam's Picks

1. John Elway — QB Broncos 1983-98
Yeah, real surprise, I know. This man and my childhood are synonymous as I have so many memories of greatness. I followed him from his 15-point rescue against the Oilers in the '91 Divisional Playoff to him being near tears after the Jacksonville collapse in '96 to mastering the courage to come back after a loss to win the franchise's first Super Bowl. Oh yeah, he added another one in 1998, which was the best Bronco team ever.

2. Kuehl Duany — SF Syracuse 1999-03
I am simply grateful to have worked at a newspaper that let me discuss this small forward's greatness. Duany was the glue that held the '03 team together, as Syracuse was an unreal 22-1 when Kuehl scored 10 or more points. My loyalty to this man without question as I remember him getting mad at Boeheim during the title game when he sat Duany for most of the second half after scoring 10 in the first half.

3. Shannon Sharpe — TE Denver 90-99, '02-'03
John's favorite target. No. 84 could back up his talk as he has the most yards over a by a tight end in an era where the position wasn't utilized as much.

4. Donovan McNabb — QB Syracuse 1995-98
SU football was already on the map, but Donnie Mac cemented it with two straight BCS berths in 1997 and '98. Also gave SU the most thrilling win of my life with a 16-15 pass to a backup right end to beat Va. Tech for the Big East title in '98.

5. Bo Jackson — Royals 86-90, Raiders '87-90
This Royal/Raider was the most freakishly gifted athlete of his time and maybe of all-time.

Marc's Picks

1. Mark Grace — 1B Cubs, D-Backs 1988-'03
Mark Grace made me a Cubs fan. One of the greatest players in a time when the game moved to juiced up prima donnas, Grace was the poster boy for guys with testicular fortitude and virtually no athletic ability. I really identified with Grace because I was the type of ball player with no physical talents. In typical Grace fashion, he once said he held the Cubs record for doubles because he had the speed to turn so many would-be triples into doubles.

2. Will Shields — OL Chiefs, 1993-2007
The inman of Chiefs football. Nobody in Chiefs history deserved as much love as Will Shields. For more than a decade he played at the highest level and never said a word about it.

3. Derrick Thomas — LB Chiefs, 1989-2000
Some people would have Thomas above Shields. I loved what Thomas did for the Chiefs. Along with Lawrence Taylor, he revolutionized the pass rushing linebacker. Off the field, he wasn't a saint, but not many are. His death was a dark, dark day for the Chiefs.

4. Mario Lemieux — C Penguins, 1984-2005
Lemieux brought me into hockey, and then took me out with his retirement. He was the Lou Gehrig to Wayne Gretzky's Babe Ruth. Tough, smart and unbelievably skilled, Lemieux brought the Penguins to the top.

5. Mark Prior — P Cubs, 2003-Present
I'm going to get a lot of crap for this choice. When Prior was drafted by the Cubs, I formed a man crush that persists to this day. He led them to the NLCS, and when injured can be dominant. I hope he comes back and destroys hitters.

WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV Picks

Saturday
■ Baltimore Orioles at Chicago White Sox, 6 p.m. WGN — The White Sox can't seem to get on that bad streak that could carry them light years ahead of the other yahoos in the AL Central. They continue to win series, but they need to start getting the job done, like sweeping back-to-back series.

Days rating (5 of 5) **4.4**

Sunday
■ A Shot at Love 2 with Tila Tequila, 6 p.m. MTV — It looks like our favorite bisexual didn't quite find love with her frat pick in season one. Looks like Sam and I will once again be glued to our television screens for another riveting season.

Days rating (3 of 5) **4.4**

Marc's TV Picks

Saturday
■ NFL Draft, 2 p.m. ESPN — My favorite day of the year is here. I'll actually begin watching coverage of the draft at 10 a.m. Sam and I plan on partying as our teams, the Broncos and Chiefs respectively, destroy their futures with picks like Ryan Sims and Ashley Lelie.

Days rating (5 of 5) **4.4**

Sunday
■ Cubs at Washington, 12:35 p.m. WGN — I'll DVR it, because I'll actually be watching day two of the NFL Draft. The Cubs are rolling right now. I'm thinking 99 years of futility are coming to an end.

Days rating (5 of 5) **4.4**

Sam's TV Picks

Saturday
■ Toronto at Kansas City, 6:05 p.m. FSN — Love how they had jersey night in 25 degrees, but blanket night when it'll be over 60. Brett Tomko takes the hill against some Blue Jays' beast. Let's hope some offense picks up with the weather because lately it's been anemic at best. Just get Garthright going then the rest will fall into place.

Days rating (4 of 5) **4.4**

Sunday
■ NFL Draft, 9 a.m. ESPN — I'll give Marc day one since he is the biggest draft buff I've ever met. I still watch day two to see Denver's hopeful sleeper picks.

Days rating (4 of 5) **4.4**

Brett's TV Picks

Saturday
■ Boston vs. Atlanta, 7 p.m. ESPN — Watch the eventual Eastern Conference champions get closer to finishing off the hapless Hawks.

Days rating (3 of 5) **4.4**

Sunday
■ Toronto at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m. FSN — Gil Meche takes on the Toronto Blue Jays. I don't know if I want to watch this game after seeing Gil get shelled for 8 ER against the Indians. Our highest-paid pitcher has an ERA of 8.00. That is unacceptable, even by Royals' standards.

Days rating (3 of 5) **4.4**

AT YOUR LEISURE

Top 3 picks of the week

By Sydney Moore
Entertainment Reporter

Artist worth checking out — London-born crooner Leona Lewis is definitely worth checking out. Since winning the first season of the reality show, "The X Factor," a talent competition in London, her first album, "Spirit," was released on April 8. Her first single, "Bleeding Love" is quickly climbing the charts and becoming a mega-hit. Another single worth downloading is "Better in Time," which is my favorite. Her soulful voice is a breath of fresh air to the music industry.

Free iTunes single of the week — Check out "Worriesome Heart," by Melody Gardot. Her smoky jazz sound reminds me of a mix between Norah Jones and a sultry jazz singer you'd see in a movie from the 1920s. It's refreshing to see a free single on iTunes that isn't something mainstream — and something that isn't terrible. I think Gardot is definitely worth checking out and downloading for anyone that wants to hear something new and different. Her sound isn't something that I usually listen to, but after discovering her on iTunes this week, I'm willing to broaden my horizons.

New album out this week — Ashlee Simpson's third album, "Bittersweet World," was released Tuesday. This time around, Simpson has evolved her sound from bubble-gum pop into something a little edgier. Collaborating with Timbaland, the Neptunes' Chad Hugo and Kenna, Simpson delivers more of a hip-hop sound, including many dance tracks such as her current single, "Out of My Head (Ay Ya Ya)." Along with joining a mix of producers on this album, Simpson also works alongside the Plain White T's' frontman Tom Higgenson on the lead track, "Little Miss Obsessive." I think that this is going to be the best of Simpson's three albums, since she is finally drifting away from the bubble-gum pop scene.

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Your Man addresses criticisms



Phil Hubbard

As the school year winds down, most of us are getting on bended knees to thank God or Bud Light for getting us through the trimester. I'm grateful too. I know my job must seem like an easy one to some. That's because it is, but it weighs on me at times. Thinking up new ways to work in anecdotes about strippers and Souths Bay requires a lot of thought, patience and an infantile nature so many have, but so few are willing to publish.

This is the final Stroller *this man* will ever write. With that in mind, I'd like to thank the few fans I have by responding to their well thought out online comments. Thanks guys.

In response to "Your man is anti-anti-smoking"
Phil posted March 19, 2008
"Give it a break. Nobody ever died from someone throwing up on them at a bar. And how many times does anyone have someone throw up on them compared to the number of non-smokers who end up breathing secondhand smoke at many venues. And to suggest that people who lose money at casinos are all on a robbery spree? Nice try at changing the subject. The reality is that secondhand smoke kills 53,000 Americans a year, mostly due to heart attacks/heart

dis-ease." Brilliant. Phil obviously dominated the debate team in high school. I love it when my readers do their research. Fifty-three thousand dead, that's amazing. Even more amazing is how that stat is either completely made up, which is how I would do it, or from a completely ridiculous source. But that's the type of effort I'm looking for right there.

In response to "Your man hates Hubbard's prices"
Cody posted Sept. 14, 2007
"The stroller this week has to be by far the worst the editors have picked in many years."

If one's going to write a column, they must back it up with some facts to make themselves a good writer/columnist.

Anyone can blow of steam and complain about something they don't like."

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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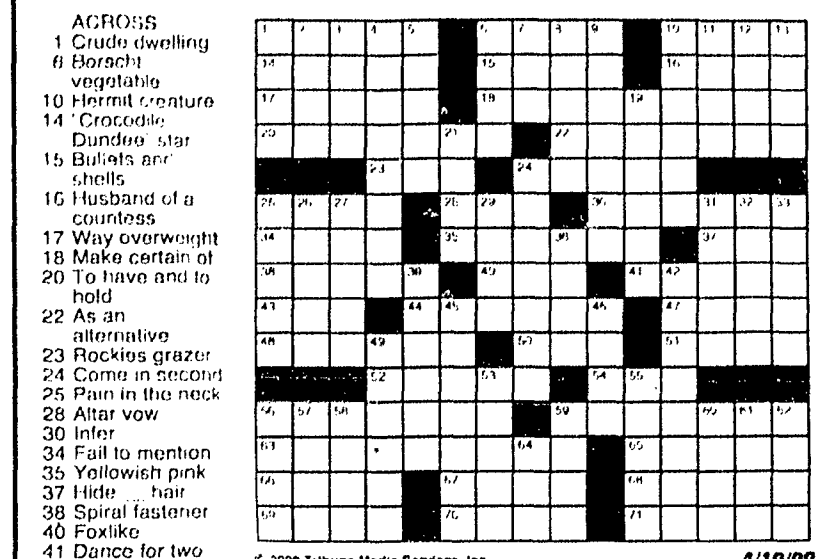
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SEX AND THE CAMPUS



Clay A., 20
Lee's Summit, Mo.

- Are you sexually active?
Yes
- How old were you when you lost your virginity?
16
- Were you in a relationship when you had sex for the first time?
Yes
- How long had you been dating?
Few months
- Have you ever been tested for STDs?
Yes, once
- How many partners have you had?
Five
- Were all your partners your girlfriend?
No
- Do you always use protection?
Yes
- What's your favorite position?
Doggy-style for sure.



Micah S., 22
Raytown, Mo.

- Are you sexually active?
No
- Why not?
Mostly religious reasons
- Are you waiting until marriage?
Yes
- What do you think about your peers being sexually active?
I think it's disappointing, but I don't want to be judgmental because we all make different mistakes.
- How do you know where your boundaries are when you're in a relationship?
You need to have set personal boundaries first to know you won't do something in a relationship.



Amanda G., 21
Rockport, Mo.

- Are you sexually active?
Yes
- How long have you been sexually active?
Five years
- Were you in a relationship when you lost your virginity?
Yes
- How long had you been together when you first had sex?
One year
- How often do you have sex now?
One or two times a week
- How long did you wait to have sex with your current boyfriend?
Six months
- Do your parents know you are sexually active?
Yes
- How did they find out?
My mom asked me if I needed to be put on the pill.
- Do you always use protection?
Yes
- How many partners have you had?
Five



Sarah A., 20
Des Moines, Iowa

- Are you sexually active?
Yes
- How old were you when you lost your virginity?
19
- Were you in a relationship with that person?
No
- Have you ever had unprotected sex?
Yes
- How many partners have you had?
One



Josh S., 19
Salem, Mo.

- Are you sexually active?
Yes
- How old were you when you lost your virginity?
16
- Were you in a relationship when you lost your virginity?
Yes
- How often do you have sex now?
Three times a week
- Do you always use protection?
Yes
- Have you ever been tested for STDs?
Yes, twice.
- How many partners have you had?
Three
- What's your favorite position?
Reverse cowgirl.

Let's talk about sex. Really. After a year of condom giveaways, too many "That's what she said" jokes and the ever-present whispered conversations, it was time to ask people about the dirty deed.

How often, how many, how? No questions were off-limits when Northwest Missourian staffers headed into the J.W. Jones Student Union to ask students about their sex lives, or lack thereof.

These few brave souls offered answers to some of the most personal questions about their personal lives.



Logan S., 19
Conception Junction, Mo.

- Are you sexually active?
Yes
- How old were you when you lost your virginity?
16
- Were you in a relationship when you lost your virginity?
No
- How often do you have sex in a month?
In a good month, once a week.
- Do your parents know you are sexually active?
Yeah, they don't care.
- Do you always use protection?
Yes
- Have you ever had unprotected sex?
Yes
- Have you ever been tested for STDs?
No
- Are STDs a concern for you?
It's always a concern, but I don't always think about it.
- How many partners have you had?
I don't know...it's in the double digits.
- What is your favorite position?
Whatever works, really. Nothing in particular.

Ashley P., 20
St. Joseph, Mo.

- Are you sexually active?
Yes
- How old were you when you lost your virginity?
19
- Were you in a relationship when you lost your virginity?
Yes
- How long had you been dating before you became sexually active?
One year
- Do your parents know you are sexually active?
No
- How often do you have sex in a month?
Not often - my boyfriend is in the Army.
- How long had you been dating when you first had sex?
Two months
- Do you always use protection?
Yes



- Are you on birth control?
No
- Have you ever been tested for STDs?
No
- How many partners have you had?
Two
- What is your favorite position?
Doggy-style

"If you want to have sex, go for it. Just be safe,"

Amanda Gray